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**The Community Foundation of Central Illinois Awards \$69,825 for Local COVID-19 Relief Efforts**

June 3, 2020 – Peoria, IL: The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) is pleased to announce the second round grant recipients of the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. CFCI received 27 applications and was able to fund 14 organizations, including \$10,000 going to the Heart of Illinois United Way to further support their grantmaking related to COVID-19. These grants will provide flexible financial support to nonprofit partners within the CFCI service area, who are responding to increasing needs as a result of COVID-19.

Heart of Illinois United Way - \$10,000	Neighborhood House - \$5,000
Ask and Ye Shall Receive - \$5,000	Pediatric Resource Center - \$5,000
Braveheart Children’s Advocacy Center - \$5,000	Pilgrims’ Progress - \$5,000
Center for Prevention of Abuse - \$5,000	The Salvation Army - Peoria - \$5,000
Dream Center Peoria - \$5,000	Phoenix Community Development Services - \$4,825
Family Core - \$5,000	St. Paul’s Episcopal Church - \$3,000
Junior League Peoria - \$5,000	Illinois Ability Sports -\$2,000

Don Shafer, Board Chair of CFCI states: “CFCI is grateful to the many donors who have responded to our request for donations to the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund and allowing us this opportunity for a second round of financial support to our nonprofit partners in the region. The needs of our community continue to be significant, and the nonprofit organizations have responded to these needs in a most incredible fashion. It is our hope that we will continue to see donor support in the form of individuals, corporations, private foundations and others so we can continue to provide support for local COVID-19 relief efforts.”

**About the Community Foundation of Central Illinois**

Established in 1985, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is a philanthropic resource committed to connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information please call 309-674-8730 or visit [communityfoundationci.org](http://communityfoundationci.org).

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